said hinge comprising,

a generally cylindrical trunk having a diameter so that said trunk fits between said pawls when said pairs of pawls are opened,

two joint portions, each being integral with a different end of said trunk and extending perpendicular to an axis of said trunk, said trunk having a length so that each of said joint portions extends between adjacent ones of said spaced apart pairs of pawls when said device is joined to said notebook,

a pair of first shafts projecting from the ends of said trunk parallel with the axis of said trunk, and

two pairs of second shafts that are parallel to the axis of said trunk, each said pair of second shafts projecting from opposing end faces of a different one of said two joint portions;

said protective cover comprising first holes for receiving said first shafts when said device is joined to said protective cover; and

said device comprising two pairs of second holes for receiving said second shafts to attach said hinge to said device.

6. The combination of claim **5**, wherein at least one of said first shafts is axially slidable within said trunk for releasing said hinge from the one of the protective cover and the notebook to which it is joined.

7. The combination of claim **5**, wherein said device comprises a notched elastic member adjacent one of said second holes, and wherein one of said second shafts comprises a radial projection for engaging said notched elastic member for holding said hinge in a predetermined open position.

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